PUBLIC NOTICE: 2013-08

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

<u>ACTION</u>: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

SUMMARY: EPA IS PROVIDING NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT. EPA IS ALSO PROVIDING NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THESE PROPOSED PENALTY ASSESSMENT.

UNDER 33 U.S.C. §1319(G), EPA IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDERS ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT. EPA MAY ISSUE SUCH ORDERS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF A CLASS I OR CLASS II PENALTY PROCEEDING. EPA PROVIDES PUBLIC NOTICE OF THESE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO 33 U.S.C. §1319(G)(4)(A).

CLASS I PROCEEDINGS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER EPA'S
"CONSOLIDATED RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND THE REVOCATION/TERMINATION OR
SUSPENSION OF PERMITS", 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 22.
THE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
COMMENT ON A PROPOSED CLASS I COMPLAINT OR PARTICIPATE IN A
CLASS I PROCEEDING, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH A RESPONDENT
MAY REQUEST A HEARING, ARE SET FORTH IN THE CONSOLIDATED RULES.
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED CLASS
I ORDER IS THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS
PUBLIC NOTICE.

ON THE DATE IDENTIFIED BELOW, EPA COMMENCED THE FOLLOWING CLASS I PROCEEDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES: IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT L. TEITELBAUM, INC. THE OWNER AND/OR OPERATOR OF THE FACILITY LOCATED AT 145-23 LIBERTY AVENUE, JAMAICA, NEW YORK 11435, DOCKET NO. CWA-02-2013-3302; FILED ON 02/26/2013 WITH REGIONAL HEARING CLERK KAREN MAPLES, U.S. EPA, REGION 2, 290 BROADWAY, 16 FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007 (212) 637-3247; PROPOSED PENALTY: \$10,000.00, FOR DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS WITHOUT A STATE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (SPDES) PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 301 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

<u>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</u>: PERSONS WISHING TO RECEIVE A COPY OF EPA'S CONSOLIDATED RULES, REVIEW THESE COMPLAINTS OR OTHER

DOCUMENTS FILED IN THESE PROCEEDINGS, COMMENT UPON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS, SHOULD CONTACT THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK IDENTIFIED ABOVE. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS IS LOCATED IN THE EPA REGIONAL OFFICE IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AND THE FILES WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE RESPONDENT IS AVAILABLE AS PART OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD, SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF LAW RESTRICTING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, EPA WILL ISSUE NO FINAL ORDER ASSESSING A PENALTY IN THESE PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE SPECIFIED BELOW.

DATED: MARCH 15, 2013

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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE